

In the fourth King of Portugal and Algarve being son to the Duke of Braganza hath married *Louisa* a daughter of the Duke of Medina Sidonia, being of the house of the *Casmans*, and coming from the right off-spring of *Edward* sonne to Don *Emanuel*; the Commons had willingly chosen him long agoe for their Prince, not onely because of the yoke and great over-burdens which the *Spaniards* had laid upon them, but also because they would rather see in their Kingdome a Prince borne there: Seeing the King of *Spain* now busie both in out-land, and domestick warres, they with a unanimous consent chose this Prince, unto whom God grant, that he may long raigne and governe to his owne glory, and the good of his subjects, and thereby the children of Don *Antonio*, will likewise get their owne againe.

After that the King of *Spain* had caused to bee published by a great Noble man, the last day of *November* 1640. a most heavy Decree, which made the Commons to murmur because of the extreame burdens; the chiefeft and Principall men of the Countrey, which two years agoe already minded such a thing to free themselves on a convenient time from the extreame yoke of the *Castilians*, being now the Commons so inclinable to it, began the first of *December* 1640. to prepare themselves to put their intention into execution, beginning in the same manner as hereafter followeth.

Upon Satterday being the first of this Moneth, about nine of the clocke, the Nobles of this City (having for many dayes together, as afterwards was plainly seene, resolved and consulted) coming with their men armed from their houses, went into the Court, and first of all into the Secretaries Quarter, flew (A) there the Secretary *Michael de Vasconcellos*, and tooke presently all things into their possession, together with the High Dutch and Spanish Watch, and her highnesse Princesse *Margarita*, and some other of her Nobility; and the same time also, all the Counsellours, namely those of the Chamber of Justice, high Counsell, the Court and Counsell of the Kings Revenues: And this being done, they came through the streets of this City with the two Standards of the Chamber, proclaiming the Duke of Braganza King, Don *Iohn* the fourth: which thereupon also without any contradiction, was proclaimed by the Commons of the City, without slaying any man more, but him that's mentioned above, and another (B) Counsellour or Alderman of *Albergaria*, who was then by meere accident in the Secretaries Chamber, (C) and another being a German. Whereupon immediately Governours were chosen and elected by the sayd Nobles, with the two Arch-Bishops of *Lisbon* and *Braga*, which beganne immediately to governe, and thereby the whole Citie was set in peace and quietnesse, albeit the tumult was so great as could be, especially there were set at liberty (in the name of the new King) out of two prisons in this Citie all the prisoners, excepting those, that were cast in prison for extraordinarie theft, and albeit the same day no Court of Law was kept, yet no disorder and confusion happened: The aforesaid Governours governed very well for five days together. The second day the Castle of the City was taken without making any shot against it, as also the Fort of *Bethlehem*, the Fort of *Cabeja Seca* came likewise to be taken by a stratagem, and immediately thereupon Postes and expresses were dispatched for the City of *Ville Visosa*, which brought word of it to the King, and the same Satterday at midnight he had notice of it, and thereupon dispatched Expresses throughout the whole Kingdome.

(D) On Monday being the 3. of this moneth, the King was sworn in the City of *Evora* by the Marquis de *Ferreira*: The Nobles and Magistrates of the said Citie and throughout the whole Kingdome of Portugal it was proclaimed in the same forme. Whereupon his Majesty went by post, and upon Thursday being the 6. of this month about noon he came into this Citie, whereupon his Majesty immediately and the Counsell of State sat at Counsell to consult, how to maintaine war, ordering and disposing all things requisite to be done, and being the Forts and Castles of *S. Julian* and *Cascais* refused to yeeld, order was given, and forces and Cannons

A short and true Relation, of all what hath hapned in Portugall unto the 23. of March

1641. since the Coronation of the illustrious King

JOHN the fourth, Duke of Braganza, solemnized the 15. of December, 1641.

Together with the reason that hath mooved the Portugals to cast off the King of Spaine, and to free themselves by force of Armes from his power.



Don Iohn by the Grace of God King of Portugall and Algarve, on this 8th other side of the African sea Lord of Guiney, & Conquered Navigations, & Commerce of Ethiopia Arabia Persia & the Indies Crowned the 15. of December 1641.



A. Michael de Vaas Concellor Secretary, B. an Alderman of Albergaria his Companion, C. a Germane, D. the King taking his oath, E. the Princesse Margarita, F. the Marquis de Ferreira, G. the Kings Coronation, H. his rideing to the Chathedrall Church, I. his rideing to the gate of Pelourin to receive the Keyes.

were sent, wherewith they begun to batter the same, and at last being the 12. of the aforesaid month the Fort of *S. Julian* was surrendered, and Don *Antonio Mascarenis* was put into it for Governor and all the Forts of *Algarve*, *Sentual*, Port a Port had yeilded already before together with those of *Viana*, and the Commanders as namely *Alcades* were in al haft sent to their Cities to raise forces, and the Marquis de *Ferreira* and the Count of *Vinosa* (which are said to be the chiefeft) gce as Governours every one to his Jurisdiction, and on Saturday being the 15. of the aforesaid month his Majesty was sworne King in this City upon a publick Theater or Scaffold, which was made for that purpose neare the pallace where the Scepter was delivered unto him, and hath sworne to observe the Ordinances of the Kingdome, and immediately thereupon he went on horseback in a habit embroidered with gold, and with a golden Scepter to the Cathedral under a (H) canopie accompanied by al the nobility a foot & bare head, & coming to the gate of *Pelourin* the Keyes of the City were delivered unto him, and at his returne from the Cathedrall he passed through the *Rua nova* and *Calcetaria*, and heere in this Citie are expected every day (M) the Queen *Dona Luysa* and the Prince *Don Sebastian*, and the *Infanta*, which staid behind at *Villa Visosa*: in *Michael de Vasconcellos* was seene an Example of the continuati on of the fortunes of the world, who was come to such a height, that he commanded all the judgement seats and Iustices of this Kingdome, his will was a law, made and unmade Earles, Marquisses and Bishops: (O) He was slain with Bullets and stabs, and throwne out of a window from the place where he was dwelling in the Fort, and fell upon the *Terreiro do Passo*, where the people stript him of his cloathis, and his dead corps lay there still all that day long and the next night following till 10. of the clocke at Sondag, and then the *Misericordia* haled him from thence with a paire of the Negroes without a suit or shirt, beard or eyes or shape of a man: The same houre his house was pillaged so long till some stop was made: and the house where his Brother *Adayan Braga* dwells, belonging unto him, which he had caused to be built Scaffins of the King being a rare building, (whence he had fled in womans apparel) was likewise pillaged, and they begun to breake downe windows and doores, and if the Governours had not sent thither a guard of souldiers, they would have totally pulld downe the same. The aforesaid *Adayan* (after that no cloyster would take him in) went in a Priests habit towards *Lerya*, where the Bishop his brother bid him; and it is thought, that he is gone towards *Castile*: The Government of his Majesty hath altered nothing in the Offices of the Commons, only hath casheir'd the providor of the *Alfandiga*, because he was sonne in law to *Dago Soares* and the Count of *Custenheda*, who was President of the Table of consciecnce the assistants and contractours remaine in their places, as they have been before: What in *Castile* is done, we know not as yet, because of this newes, which is so great, whereof the whole world will speake, Ambassadors are sent towards the North, and towards *England* is gone Don *Antonio Almada*, and for *France* the upper *Menteiro* chiefe Hunter; & for *Holland* Don *Tristan de Mendosa*, and for *Rome* the Bishop of *Lamego*, we shall see what good successe their Ambassages will have, and so the reasons, which are to be set downe and printed, and shall come abroad, and shall be added unto it. Her Highnesse *Margarita* together with Marquis *De la Puebla* were imprisoned in the pallace of *Enxobregas* being watched by two companies, they have allowed them yearly 14000. Duckats for keeping of their table, in their moveables they were not toucht the other *Spaniards* of note are kept in custody in the Castle, and many souldiers, that married there, gave up their names to serve under the Portugalls. Hereupon his Majesty begun presently to governe, and all things were done in so good order that all the world cannot sufficiently wonder at it, for after that he had mastered the Fort of *S. Julian* and al the Forts of his Kingdome he sent for his Counsell, and after that they appeared before him the last of *December*: His Majesty published and caused to be registred a decree which you shall have shortly printed in *Englisb*.